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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4945

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TAGS: MOPS, LA
SUBJECT: STATUS EMMET KAY: LPF DELIVERS CORRESPONDENCE

1. OFFICERS OF CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICES, INC. (CASI) REPORTED JULY 12 THAT ON PRECEDING DAY LPF DELEGATION VIENTIANE HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE TO DELIVER LETTERS FROM CAPTIVE CASI PILOT EMMET KAY TO HIS WIFE AND FELLOW CASI PILOT. REPRESENTATIVE LOCAL LPF DELEGATION CONTACTED CASI OFFICE MORNING 11 JULY TO REQUEST THAT MRS. KAY COME TO LPF HEADQUARTERS VIENTIANE THAT EVENING. CASI IMMEDIATELY PASSED INFO TO MRS. KAY. AT 1800 HOURS MRS. KAY, ACCOMPANIED BY CASI INTERPRETER, MET WITH LPF OFFICIAL TIAO SOUK VONGSAK. SOUK DELIVERED TO MRS. KAY THREE LETTERS FROM, AND TWO RECENT PHOTOTS OF MR. KAY AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS BEING HELD IN SAM NEAU.
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2. SOUK ALSO OFFERED TO RECEIVE LETTERS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MR. KAY. MRS. KAY INTENDED TO PREPARE AND DELIVER LETTERS TO SOUK ON JULY 12.

3. TWO LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE KAY FAMILY DATED MAY 20 AND JUNE 22 INDICATED THAT HE (KAY) WAS IN GOOD HEALTH AND DID NOT NEED ANY PACKAGES. THIRD LETTER ADDRESSED TO LOCAL CASI CAPTAIN PILOT INDICATED THAT KAY'S PORTER AIRCRAFT HAD RECEIVED ROUNDS IN BOTH FUEL TANKS AND THAT AIRCRAFT WAS DEMOLISHED WHEN HE WAS FORCED TO CRASH LAND IN LPF AREA. KAY WROTE THAT HE AND ALL PASSENGERS SURVIVED LANDING AND WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY LPF. HE INDICATED HE WAS BEING TREATED WELL AND INCLUDED STATEMENTS DENOUNCING U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN LAOS.

4. CASI GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTED THAT IT WAS ODD THAT KAY ADDRESSED LETTER TO CASI PILOT WHO WAS NOT PARTICULARLY CLOSE ASSOCIATE. HE CONCLUDED THAT KAY MAY HAVE USED THIS ACTION TO SIGNAL THAT HIS STATEMENTS RE CRASH CIRCUMSTANCES AND U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN LAOS WERE LPF-INDUCED. THE PHOTOS OF KAY SHOWING HIM UNSCRATCHED, IN UNTORN LFIGHT UNIFORM, WITH LOG BOOK AND LANDING SITE BOOK IN HAND CERTAINLY RAISE QUESTION AS TO SEVERITY OF CRASH AS DESCRIBED IN LETTER.

5. COMMENT: THIS LATEST LPF APPROACH, FOLLOWING THE EVENTS REPORTED IN VIENTIANE 4775 AND 4841 (NOTAL), REINFORCES EVEIDENCE OF MORE POSITVE LPF ATTITUDE RE MIA PROBLEM.
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